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Title: SUPERABSORBENT POLYMERS
PROVIDING LONG-TERM
GENERATION OF FREE
VOLUME IN PARTIALLY
HYDRATED ABSORBENT
CORES

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PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the attached preliminary amendment to the specification.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: